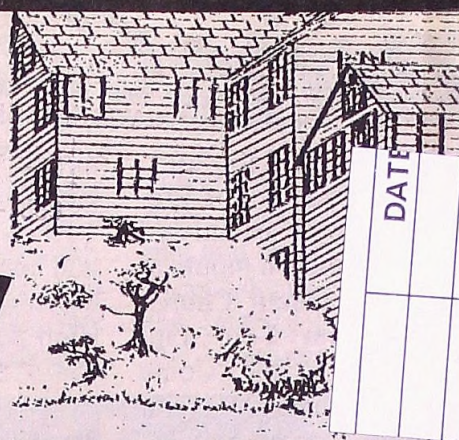


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Considerable Debate Over the Process and the Actual Vote

Huron Township Board Approves Temporary Part-Time Position Hiring

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

EDITORS NOTE: Sometimes you get the impression during a Township Board meeting, there are other agendas at play during the discussion of a particular issue. "The Weekly" got the impression at the December 10th meeting that some Board members were debating the issue far more than they needed to. This was particularly strange since it came from those that have previously not considered "following procedure" an important consideration. The topic, as presented by the Director of Planning and Zoning, seemed modest enough. Yet the issue created a lot of debate after the motion was approved. Also the Board was allowed to pass a motion three to two because only five Board members were in attendance at the time of the vote.

At the December 10th Board meeting, the Planning and Zoning Director Dan Kirtland presented the Board with his recommendation to hire a temporary part-time person to work in the Building Department.

He had provided a memo to the Board asking them to hire a person for 10 hours per week at \$7.00 an hour for 90 days when employee Harrison returned from maternity leave. He went on to say the clerical work was getting

backed up and the temporary person would do the filing and similar tasks.

He went on to say he was not looking for a full-time person and said it would be cheaper than allowing for overtime. He indicated he had made his recommendation but was willing to allow the Board to come up with recommendations to fill the spot.

This prompted Trustee Carey to state they should look to advertise for somebody. She said there might be other young people in the community that may be looking for part-time work. She added that we are trying to get away from somebody's relative (the recommendation was a relative of an employee). Kirtland indicated he was willing to do this.

Trustee O'Kelley said the recommendation was acceptable to him but that he appreciated the comments of Carey because he was supportive of following procedure. He made a motion to accept the recommendation and this was supported by Supervisor Mitchell.

There was no discussion on

the motion and this was surprising because after the vote just about every Board member weighed in with their opinions.

It all started when the vote was made three to two and the clerk indicated the motion had passed. At the time there were only five board members present. Treasurer Skrzycki and Trustee Krause were absent at the time of the vote.

In favor of the motion were Supervisor Mitchell, and Trustees Adkins and O'Kelley. Opposed to the motion were Clerk Bowers and Trustee Carey. This should have resulted in a failed vote because the Board is a seven member Board; it takes four votes to pass an item. However, the clerk ruled it passed three to two. This caused Trustee O'Kelley to object and point out it takes four votes to pass anything in a seven-member Board.

Trustee Adkins agreed, but the attorney said this action was considered a resolution and it can be passed by a majority of a quorum. He said there were two matters before the Board and they were resolu-

tions and ordinances. He considered the matter to be a resolution, so a three to two vote was acceptable. This appeared to upset O'Kelley who suggested the matter was a "hire," not a resolution, and they needed to table the matter until it could be clarified.

Supervisor Mitchell said he would accept the recommendation of the attorney and the clerk and the results of the vote stood for the hiring of the temporary part-time person recommended by the Zoning Director.

However, this was not the end of the subject. Contrary to proper procedure, a lot of additional discussion continued on the matter after it was passed. It appears this is where the true feelings of some Board members came out.

Trustee Adkins said one of the things the Board needs to remember is this is not a permanent position but a temporary part-time position. She suggested this had been done in the past.

Clerk Bowers said it was done in the past but current hiring procedures were not followed on this decision.

Trustee Carey agreed; stating that was her only objection to the matter.

Adkins responded it wasn't the first time and Carey responded saying she understood that but charged that Nora was the one that always complained the most about hiring a relative. Adkins then replied that she wanted to change her vote to "no" and to direct that advertising take place for the position. She also added there were a few other things that are going on that needed to be looked at.

The clerk then stated that somebody had to rescind the motion and then it had to come back up. She added you just can't change your vote after a motion has been passed.

Carey agreed and repeated the Board has a policy to follow and that was her only complaint.

The clerk concluded the discussions by stating they may have waived the procedures in the past but generally went to the schools for a co-op student. She added as a parting comment that perhaps it would have been the best thing to do.

Huron Township's Seniors Celebrate Christmas



Above: The Honorable David M. Parrott from the 34th District Court joined Club President Helen Mates at the Christmas Party for the seniors.

Huron Township's senior citizens celebrated Christmas in grand style this year with decorations and poinsettias adding to the Christmas spirit and fun for the day.



Above and left: Huron Township Seniors enjoyed a festive and well-attended event at this year's annual Christmas Party. Check out the Community Calendar on page 2 for upcoming meetings and weekly events for our Senior Citizens!

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Community Calendar

Monthly Meetings

Second Sunday of each month Open House at the Flat Rock Historical Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings on first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30

p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meets second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. Child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation for mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. Call 734-753-0825.

Writers Connection, designed to bring writers and aspiring writers together, meets the first Wed. each month, 6-8 p.m. at Romulus Public Library. Call Maryjo (734) 942-7589 for information.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each

month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

American Legion Post 337 meets 2nd and 4th Monday 8:00 p.m., 28614 Division St., Flat Rock.

Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club meets 7:00 p.m. at Casino's Pizza (formerly the Tin Pan) on Sumpter Rd.

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:00 at the Country Meadows.

The Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Country Meadows.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Country Meadows.

Historical Society meets the

third Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Huron Township Historical will host an Open House at the Samuel Adams Historical Museum (Downtown New Boston) the 4th Sunday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Public is welcome.

The Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

Flat Rock Rotary meets every Wednesday at 12:00

noon at Embers Restaurant in Flat Rock.

Soroptimists International of Flat Rock meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Embers in Flat Rock.

Sons of the Desert

Sons of the Desert (Detroit area Laurel and Hardy Fan Club). They have been showing Laurel and Hardy movies for over 65 years. The meetings are scheduled for March 20, May 15, September 18 and November 20 and are held at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Plymouth, Livonia, MI. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and show time is at 8:00 p.m. Join them for an evening of laughs and entertainment.

Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

Meetings are first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281. Check with the Senior Director for Trips scheduled one day to a week. Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center.

Meals on Wheels for homebound seniors. Bernice Hearn serves as Director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

Quilting Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

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JANUARY

1	New Year's Day (City Offices Closed).....	Holiday
*	Downtown Development Authority	7:00 p.m.
5	Recreation Committee.....	5:30 p.m.
5	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
12	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
15	Historic Preservation Commission	7:00 p.m.
20	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
21	Library Board of Directors	7:00 p.m.
26	Beautification Commission	6:00 p.m.
26	Planning Commission.....	7:30 p.m.
27	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2	Recreation Committee.....	5:30 p.m.
2	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
5	Downtown Development Authority	7:00 p.m.
9	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
18	Library Board of Directors	7:00 p.m.
23	Beautification Commission	6:00 p.m.
23	Planning Commission.....	7:30 p.m.
24	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.
*	Cable Commission	7:30 p.m.

Please note: South Huron Valley Utility Authority meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the Brownstown Twp. Hall, 21313 Telegraph Rd.

* Indicates to be determined.

Flat Rock Library Sets Special Dates

Flat Rock Public Library is holding its annual used book sale throughout January. The sale started on Saturday, December 27th; according to Director Marney Cooley, there will be lots of books, audios and videos to choose from for the next few weeks.

Books are collected throughout the year from donations and weeded library books. The money earned from the book sale is used to update library collections. None of the sale items are priced. Buyers are asked to make a donation appropriate to the amount of books they are taking.

The book sale will be open during all library hours: Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

According to Marney Cooley, book discussion groups are forming in January at Flat Rock Public Library. An evening group will meet monthly on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The first meeting will be January 14. The morning group will meet the first Monday of each month (January 5) at 11 a.m. There is a preschool storyhour at that time; parents of participating children are encouraged to join in the book discussion.

During the January meetings, the group will choose the books to be read in 2004. Library Director Marney Cooley, will have a list of suggested books available but welcomes other suggestions. The plan is to select seven fiction titles, three non-fiction or biography titles and one mystery.

Discussion group choices are not usually current best-sellers since it is not possible to borrow copies from other libraries and these titles are often not yet available in

paperback. Titles chosen are often available in audio format and large print also.

To make suggestions before the January meetings, email the Director at mcooley

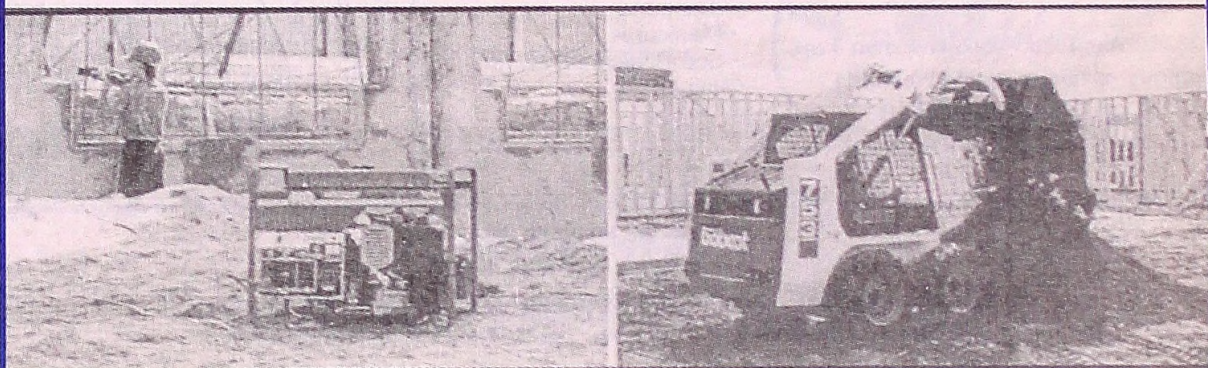
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Ring in the New Year with Music at Ellis Library

2004 sprints out of the blocks with a trio of special concerts for music fans of all ages at the Monroe County Library System's Ellis Reference and Information Center. Tuesday night's family storytime series resumes with a

January 13 visit from acclaimed Nashville-based singer/songwriter/tractor driver Farmer Jason, who'll sing songs inspired by life on his farm and the menagerie of animals who populate it. On Wednesday, January 14, "Farmer Jason's

twin brother," Jason Ringenberg, founder of the legendary country-punk group Jason & the Scorchers, will appear at the library to lead a songwriters' showcase with Ann Arbor-based musical Jim Roll and Monroe's own Mutt James. Candy Band rocks the Ellis Library on Tuesday, January 20, with its revved-up renditions of children's classics like "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and the Sponge Bob Square Pants theme song. All three programs are free and open to the public and presented by the Monroe County Library System and the Friends of Ellis. The Ellis Library is located at 3700 S. Custer Rd. and more information can be obtained by calling (734) 241-5277.

Artist Biographies

Since leaving his family's

Illinois hog farm for Nashville, alt-country pioneer Jason Ringenberg has become one of the most critically hailed artists in recent musical history. From his trailblazing (heck, just plain blazing) work with the seminal cowpunk group, Jason & the Scorchers, who led the way for bands from Wilco to Whiskeytown to BR549, to his string of solo recordings, Jason's been playing his heart out around the world for over two decades.

Now that his "twin brother," Farmer Jason has released his debut children's recording, *A Day at the Farm* with Farmer Jason, a new chapter of the Ringenberg legend is being writ-

ten...in crayon. Recently called one of the Top Five Kids CDs of 2003 by Disney's Family Fun magazine, *A Day at the Farm* celebrates the crazy critters that populate the Ringenberg ranch, from a "Guitar-Pickin' Chicken" to "He's A Hog Hog Hog" in true sing-along style.

Chicago-born Jim Roll has released three albums of thoughtful, nuanced songs inspired by life, literature, and his undaunted devotion to rootsy, "real" music. Now living in Ann Arbor, Jim's most recent release, *Inhabiting the Ball*, features collaborations with writers Rick Moody and Denis Johnson. A lyricist steeped

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FAMILY READING PROGRAM

Romulus Public Library is offering family reading program "Our Living Earth Exploring Biodiversity" for ages 6 to 11 year old. This program is free and sponsored by University of Michigan Exhibit Museum at Natural History. Workshops are offered on Saturday mornings:

January 10th, 2004 Workshop 1: Tracks and Traces

Just what is biodiversity? Discovering the diversity of living things in your backyard or a city park can be tricky. How can you tell what animals share your space? Learn to solve the mystery of the tracks and tracks that animals leave behind.

February 7th, 2004 Workshop 2: Habitat Home

Explore how all animals, including people, depend upon their habitats. Learn about the variety of habitats around the world and at home, and take home projects to help make your backyard more welcoming to native plants and animals. How can you be a scientist to study your own backyard?

March 6th, 2004 Workshop 3: What We Can Do

We depend upon the whole world! Learn what products in your shopping bag come from what places around the globe. Explore the many things we can do here in Michigan to help biodiversity, and discover why Michigan is important to the whole world.

Registration is required and the class is limited to 30 students.

Contact Romulus Public Library: 734-942-7589

Exhibit Museum Discovery Day: Exploring Biodiversity

Saturday, March 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Discover the immense variety of plants and animals that share our world. Meet some live animals from the tropical rainforest, and learn why Michigan's waterways are just as vital to the world as these exotic places. Enjoy hands-on activities, guest experts and fun crafts at the Exhibit Museum. No registration required.

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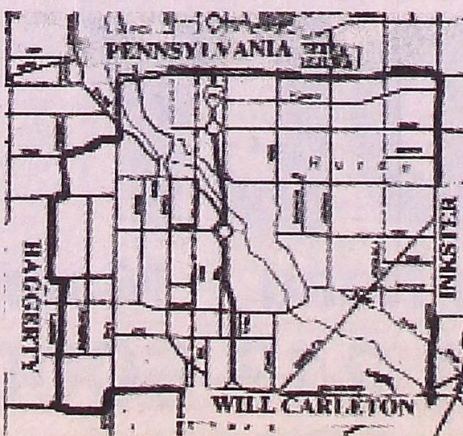
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in detail and passion, Jim's making his second Monroe appearance on January 14.

A veteran of the local and regional music circuit, Monroe's Mutt James is focusing his growing reputation with impassioned live performances and the release of his debut CD, Madeleine, greatly inspired by Mutt's travels abroad and musical heroes like the Bruces, Springsteen and Cockburn, On January 14, He'll join Ringenberger and Roll in a freeform exploration of the songwriting process - three singer/songwriter's sittin' around jamming, sharing, and entertaining.

"Popular from dentures to diapers," Detroit's punk-rocking soccer rocker moms Candy Band make their Monroe County debut on Jan. 20. You're never too young to mosh, says Skittles, Starburst, Kit Kat and Almond Joy, four fun-loving stay-at-home moms (with nine kids between them) who banded together a mere six months ago after meeting at their local YWCA. They've been playing concerts from preschools to dive bars, and their debut CD is receiving airplay coast-to-coast. These moms know kids like it loud, like it simple, and like it fun - just like punk rock. "Shhh!" will not be uttered Jan. 20th.

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Drafting (CAD)	Electronics
EMT/Criminal Justice	Graphic Arts
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Central Support Staff	5

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The Huron School District, established in 1945, is located in the southern portion of Wayne County on the Monroe County line approximately 24 miles southwest of Detroit. The district covers an area of approximately 42 square miles that includes most of Huron Township and parts of Sumpter and Ash Townships. The township was named for the river flowing through it and the Indian tribe that once inhabited it. An Indian reservation on the Huron River was ceded to the United States in 1842. The sale of that Indian land brought an influx of new settlers into the area, most of them from New York and New England. The township today has retained an agricultural character, but with the Detroit Metropolitan area's population continually moving to the suburbs, farmland is becoming a premium. Three communities - New Boston, Waltz and Willow make up the small residential settlements in the township. New Boston is also the seat of the Township's government.

"Great kids, Great families, Great Schools"

Tips from Tina

NEWSPAPERS, RECYCLING:

1. Wet the edge and use as a dustpan, especially for sweeping up glass or messy things. (Used paper plates from dry foods like sandwiches can be cut in half for the same purpose.)
2. Comics can be gift wrap.
3. Children can make paper airplanes and hats from them.
4. Roll and stuff inside wet boots and shoes to shape them as they dry.
5. Place inside a plastic bag to pad your knees in the garden or your "sitter" at a picnic.
6. Shred for hamster/guinea pig cages or the garden compost pile.
7. Place under pet feeding dishes for absorbent, disposable place mats.
8. Place under and inside frig/freezer to absorb water during defrosting.
9. Spread over plastic drop cloths while you paint. They absorb spills and prevent tearing the drop cloth which may let paint get on the floor.

NEWSPAPER BAGS (PLASTIC)

1. Store sewing patterns.
2. Store celery, green onions, and other "long" veggies,
3. Wrap several around a hanger to pad it.
4. Place on ceiling fan blades when you paint to keep splatters off

For entertainment purposes only.

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

Everything happens for a good or bad reason? Unwanted change may be a blessing. Go East for better direction. 7994

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

People may wonder what is different. Be confident in your state of New Year. You look approachable in blue. 8235

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Many choices and directions to choose? Follow your gut feeling. Things will turn round. Listen to the one on the left.

Aries Mar 21 - April 20

Enjoy all in optimistic view. Future holds new tales to tell. People listen to your views.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Need to be swift on your feet. Many tasks will be completed. One in black gives excellent advice.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Get ready to rock and roll! Move your feet to a faster beat. All are invited, many may show.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

This week brings chances on new start. Don't let opportunities sneak by, grab hold. Prepare for big outcome. 9989

Leo July 24 - Aug 23

Year in, year out. Are you happy with what has come about? One in blue listens to your view. 2552

Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

No one expects what you have in store. You are ingenious in thought. Speak louder or no one will hear. 1331

Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

You begin to climb even higher up. The New Year brings enormous advance. Who will accompany your journey. 9009

Horoscopes



William Grover

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Many see your artistic portrait as a deep expression. You many just have been on a silly streak. Ones you love, admire. 7227

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

The big ball drops, but your luck soars to new heights. Use your ability for all its worth. You will prevail. 4554

Marinated Lamb Chops

4 - 6 Lamb Chops - trimmed

MARINADE

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1/3 cup teriyaki sauce | 1 tsp. rosemary - |
| 1/3 cup soy sauce | crushed |
| 3 Tbs. Worcestershire | 1 tsp thyme |
| 3 Tbs. Olive Oil | 1/2 tsp mint |
| 3 Tbs red wine vinegar | 1/2 tsp pepper |
| 1 tsp. garlic powder | |

Combine all of the ingredients in a non-metal container. Place the chops in the marinade and turn them over once. Cover and refrigerate from 4 hours to overnight. Grill or broil to preferred doneness.

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The general public is invited to participate since there will be a local history program. Lila Fedokovitz will speak about Flat Rock as it was 75 years ago in 1929. Pictures and documents from the Flat Rock Public Library's local history collection will be displayed.

Other members of the Flat Rock Historical Society will be invited to share stories, especially about the former Smith Hotel. Long-time owner of the Smith Hotel, Walter (Pete) Smith, is also a long-time Rotarian.

Flat Rock Rotary's local service projects include support for Goodfellows, The Run for Ryan, Police & Firemen's Beneficent Fund, student scholarships, a homeless shelter and food bank, and the Summer Reading program of the Flat Rock Library.

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Obituaries

Atchinson, Merle Irene, 89, of Ann Arbor, MI formerly of Belleville, MI died Sunday, December 28, 2003 at Glacier Hills Nursing Center, Ann Arbor, MI. Beloved wife of the late Norman (Dutch) Atchinson who passed away in September 2002. Dear mother of Kurt L. (Jayne) Atchinson and Jill L. (Wally) Atchinson of Ypsilanti, MI. Born September 20, 1914 in Detroit, MI. Dear daughter of the late George J. and Mabel (Ried) Sass. Preceded in death by her brother Alvin Sass. Also 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren. Was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth. Also was a member of the A.A.U.W. of Vero Beach, FL, the Woman's Club of Plymouth, and the Vivian's Elks #1780. Funeral

services were held December 31, 2003 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Raymond H. Bucon officiating. Interment at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions to Glacier Hills Nursing Center would be appreciated by the Atchinson family. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

Neubert, Cecilia "Cel", 86, of Belleville, Michigan, formerly of Huron Township, MI passed away on Thursday, December 26, 2003 in Belleville, Michigan. Born March 30, 1917 in Detroit Michigan. Preceded in death by her parents, Peter & Catherine Reisinger, also a sister. Survived by her son Charles Otto Neubert of Flat Rock, 2 daughters, Cecile G. Gordon of Belle-

ville and Charlotte A. Ralls of Belleville, a brother, Stanley Reisinger of Dearborn Heights, 5 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Syer, Julius (Juice), 48, of Pigeon Forge Tennessee, formerly of New Boston, I died Monday, December 22, 2003 after long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Janet Syer-Smith, Daughter Celina Syer-Slater, 2 grandchildren - Cody, Emma Slater. Brothers Gerry, Bill, Stan, Chuck. Sisters Pat Syer, JoAnn Martin, Chris Walker, Irene Patterson, Diane Houser. Son of Charles & Josephine.

Wilson, Terry Richard, 66, of Van Buren Twp., MI for over 25 years died Sunday, December 28, 2003 at his home. Beloved husband of Charlotte L. "Charlie" (Swim) Wilson for over 26 years. Dear father of Vincent (Trish) Wilson of Taylor, Jeffrey (Ruth) Wilson of Melvindale, MI, also step children Bartley (Celeste) Maronen of Ann Arbor and Jesse (Barbara) Maronen of Grosse Isle, MI. Born January 4, 1937 in Wyandotte, MI. Dear son of the late Richard Harvey Wilson and Jacqueline (Mills) Roberts of Wyandotte, MI. Stepbrother of Butch (Shirley) Roberts and Maxie Hawkins both of Alabama. Also 6 grandchildren. Was member of the Belleville Presbyterian Church. He was a wonderful artist who loved working with leather and also creating beautiful stained glass designs. He enjoyed photography as well and was the president of Charlie's Pan Club. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 31, 2003 at David C. Brown

Funeral with Rev. Wayne McKenney officiating. Interment Michigan Memeorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions to the Belleville

Presbyterian Church would be appreciated by the Wilson family. Arrangments by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

CARLETON BRANCH LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

North County Book Club, Monday, January 12, 2004, 7:00 p.m. in the library's community room. *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. New members always welcome!

KidZtuneS Family concert January 18, 3:00p.m. Pianist Staci Dreger will perform children's favorites and lead some sing-alongs. Sponsored by Monroe County Library System and the Friends of the Carleton Branch Library.

Carleton Branch Library 10th Birthday Party, Tuesday, January 20, 2004, 7:00 p.m. Beverly Meyer "The Music Lady" will be on hand to lead the singing! Join us for party hats, cake, and fun.

Boogie Woogie Bob, Thursday, February 5, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Featuring painists Mark "Mr. B" Braun and Bob Seeley. Two masters of boogie-woogie heat up the February night with rollicking solos and a few chaotic pieces for four hands. Toe tappin' music for all ages. *Part of Monroe County Library System's 17th Annual Blues Series.*

All library events are free and open to the public. For more information about these or other library events contact the library or visit our website: www.monroe.lib.mi.us

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